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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are pending. No claims are amended, canceled, or added.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

constructing a sentence-based summary of a document's writings; and

inserting the sentence-based summary at a beginning of the document.

- 2. (Original) A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.
- 3. (Original) An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.
- 4. (Original) An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.

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- 5. (Original) A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1.
- 6. (Original) A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 1.
- 7. (Original) In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device to construct a summary of a document, wherein the summary is in part derived from counting how frequently words appear in the document, a computer-implemented method comprising:

evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of words that appear repeatedly in a same order;

ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the ordered sets of words as if they were single words; and

generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence rankings.

- 8. (Original) A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform operations of the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.
- 9. (Original) An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

10. (Original) An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.

- 11. (Original) A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7.
- 12. (Original) A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 7.
- 13. (Original) In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

constructing a textual content-based summary of a document's writings; and

inserting the textual content-based summary at a beginning of the document and on a common page with starting content of the document.

- 14. (Original) A word processing application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.
- 15. (Original) An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

16. (Original) An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.

- 17. (Original) A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13.
- 18. (Original) A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-implemented method recited in claim 13.

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